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E. W. BUTTER, Manager.

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1362

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE SHORT RANGE Handicap Subscription CUP and SPOONS (to one of which the Handicap allowances will apply) will be Shot for SATURDAY, the 5th Instant at 3 p.m. Ranges 500 and 600 yards. Handicaps will be announced on the Range, or sooner. Cup Subscriptions must be paid in advance.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 2, 1892. 429

NOTICE.

BY Kind Courtesy of the RUSSIAN ADMIRAL, the BAND will Play at the LADIES' RECREATION Club, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Hongkong, March 3, 1892. 431

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 1 PER CENT. per Share for the Six Months ended 1st December, 1891, declared at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY the 1st Proximo, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 29, 1892. 409

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD CALL of One Pound (£1), is PAYABLE on or before the 1st MARCH next.

SHAREHOLDERS will please bring or send their PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES in order to have them endorsed upon them.

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Canton, ... M. W. GIBBS & CO.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

GEO. W. F. FAIRFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 10, 1892. 1892

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-

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INTEREST on deposits is allowed at

3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors

may transfer at their option bank

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PILED DEPO-

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F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 27, 1892. 1571

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All Kinds of

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ONE ICE MACHINE, Complete, by

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ONE BOILER and FITTINGS, as it

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TWO ERATED WATER MACHINES;

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TWO BOTTLING MACHINES and

ONE PUMPING APPARATUS.

The Whole to be SOLD with the

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to the conditions on which they are

now held by the Company.

TENDERS will be Received by the

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For further Particulars, apply to

N. MOALLE,

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AMOY ICE & ERATED WATERS CO.,

Amoy, 13th February, 1892.

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NOT Responsible for Debts.

NO TICKET is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General MEETING of the KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of March, 1892, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Confirming the aforesaid Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 24th February, 1892.

That in the second and third lines of Article 11 of the Articles of Association the words "One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars" be struck out and that there be substituted therefor the words "One Hundred and Fifty Dollars."

By Order of the Board,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.
Agents for the Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd.

Dated, 24th day of February, 1892.

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CHINESE PILOTAGE SERVICE.

(To all whom it may concern.)

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 4, 1892.

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TO-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship *Arrasen Apur*, Captain J. E. HANSEN,

will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 5th Instant, at 4 p.m.; instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 4, 1892.

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THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL those who have their Names down on the List of CANDIDATES and who can produce a Master's or Mate's Certificate, together with the required Consular Certificate as to character, etc., are qualified to compete.

J. ARMOUR,
Harbour Master.

Approved:

G. F. MONTGOMERY,
Assistant in Charge.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Newchwang, 26th January, 1892.

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THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Eighth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, 18, Central, on THURSDAY, the 11th March, at Three-Thirty o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Recieving the Report of the General Manager, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th February to 11th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 20, 1892.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary General MEETING of the Company advertised to be held on the 23rd day of February, will be held on SATURDAY, the 19th March, at Noon, at the Company's Offices. IMMEDIATELY after the conclusion of the Ordinary General MEETING an Extra-ORDINARY General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the same place, when the submitted Special Resolution will be submitted.

That the foregoing Article shall be inserted in the Articles of Association of the Company after Article XXI and shall be numbered Article XXII.

XII. "The Company may from time to time, by Special Resolution, reduce its Capital by paying off Capital or cancelling Capital which has been lost, or is unrepresented by available assets, or reducing the liability on the shares, or otherwise as may seem expedient, and Capital may be paid off upon the footing that it may be called up again or otherwise."

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th February to the 12th March, both days inclusive.

Dated, 23rd February, 1892.

ARNHOLD, KIRBERG & CO.,
General Managers.

Address: Care of SURATKARAN.

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BAILOR'S HOME.

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NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in (Hongkong Harbour):

TSVIR, British steamer, Capt. Waring.</

THE CHINA MAIL.

YESTERDAY evening about 8 o'clock the Kowloon ferry launch *Morning Star* collided with the dock launch No. 3, near the Government Wharf, Kowloon. A hole was made in the dock launch, but she had to be beached. Fortunately nobody was injured.

Last night Peter Schallock, second engineer of the steamer Alpine, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. About half-past seven o'clock the chief engineer heard the report of a pistol and going into the cabin found deceased lying on the floor with blood flowing from his head. Information was sent to the Government Civil Hospital, but Dr Lowson, who was specially in attendance, found that life was extinct. Deceased, who was a German, had been engaged on this coast for a few years. He was 33 years of age.

To-day at the Marine Magistrate's Court before Hon. W. O. H. Hastings, James Dickson, second steward, *Empress of India*, was charged with desertion. He pleaded that he was sick and had been in hospital, so that he could not go back to his vessel. He said he had not had time to get witness to prove this. Mr. Gutierrez stated that the accused had deserted from his vessel on several occasions. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$15 or go to prison for a month. James Wilson, steward, was fined \$5, with the alternative of fourteen days' imprisonment, for deserting from the barque *Kate F. Trop* on the 2nd inst., and George Brown, steward, was fined a similar sum for deserting from the steamer *Tenix* on the 1st inst.

A CORRESPONDENT who ought to know writes as follows:—It is more correct English to write and say 'no fewer' (and not 'no less') when anything enumerated is spoken of. The contrary habit is growing upon the best writers, and that we find Lockey's History of the Eighteenth Century disfigured by a blunder which he repeats on almost every second page. We may very properly say, 'with regard to quantity,' 'no less than four pence or 25'; 'no less than four inches of rain,' etc., but we should say 'no fewer than four estates,' 'no fewer than five pinnies or fifty sovereigns' &c. &c. In the same way we should never speak of 'a great quantity of coals': it should be 'a great number of coals.' 'Number' pairs with 'fewer,' and 'quantity' pairs with 'less.'

The best proof, says the N.C. *Daily News*, of the satisfaction of the community with the Municipal Council's rule is, that there are no resolutions to be brought forward by private ratepayers at the annual meeting—Happy Model Settlement!

PUDU, an important mining town, about a mile from Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, was totally destroyed by fire on the 22nd ult. One Chinese towky lost his life in the flames. Pudu was a township of steep houses, and notices had been issued to all owners by the Sanitary Board of Kuala Lumpur requiring them to build in brick in 1892. The wisdom of this warning has now been exemplified in the emphatic manner.

The new battle-ship *Empress of India*, 14,500 tons, and 13,000 horse-power, which has been built at Pembroke, is now ready for her steam trials, and a navigating party is ordered to leave Devonport to carry out the trials and take the vessel to Chatham for completion. The *Empress of India*, which is of the same type as the *Royal Sovereign*, is the furthest advanced of her class, and is the largest battle-ship at present afloat.

From a private letter from Ichang of the 10th ult., the N.C. *Daily News* learns that the attempts there to invite Hankow and Kiukiang, in getting up a position to Lord Salisbury's antient Human Publications, was a failure; there being only two foreigners at that-antient-founding port who were in a position of sufficient independence to sign it. It appears that the date of the second outbreak at Ichang, according to a placard which reached the British Consul, was Tuesday last, the 23rd. The placard, we are informed, was duly written in so large characters, but the style was far from an educated man.

A BIG crop of old maids is imminent, judging from statistics. If the statistics of Great Britain are correct the excess of women and girls over men and boys in that country is about 920,000, an increase in ten years of about 200,000. In Germany the number of females in excess of males is about 1,000,000. In Sweden and Norway the 'weaker sex' is to the majority by about 250,000. In Austria-Hungary by 900,000, and in Denmark by 60,000. In the United States, Canada, and Australia the males are in the majority. In this country there are about 1,000,000 more men than women.—American paper.

In reference to the gallant conduct of Mr. Herzog of the Alpine *Sieg* at the week of the *Marte*, we (N.C. *Daily News*) were glad to learn from our Chief Correspondent that a committee had been formed at Oberammergau to raise a sum to defray the expenses of the *Sieg*. Mr. P. F. R. All, British Consul, and Mr. P. E. Lavers, acting Netherlands Consul, to raise a fund for a present to Mr. Herzog in recognition of his services, one that already on the 24th inst. some \$150 had been subscribed. We have no doubt that Shanghai will be equally ready to honour a brave man, and we shall be glad to receive any further sums that may be sent us to add to the subscription already received.

COURT Teleo says the grain now in Russia will not last until spring, and that it will be necessary to import grain from America. Merchants are unwilling to inform the Government of their stocks, as they wish to retain all they can for higher prices. This has caused some acts of severity on the part of the Government authorities. Lieut. a merchant who was shown to have deceived the authorities as to the amount of grain he had in stock, was publicly exposed in front of his shop, and was beaten by the thumbs to the last bone. His stock was confiscated, and he was sentenced in addition to six months' imprisonment. Other merchants, suspected of concealing grain for higher prices, have been threatened with similar penalties.—N.C. *Daily News*.

News reached here on Saturday, says the N.C. *Daily News* of the 29th ult., that the Chinese diver who left here a short time ago for the wreck of the *Marte* had died. The body came down in the *Toku* yesterday. According to the doctor's certificate the man died through failure of the heart's action. The accident happened while he was diving.

THE N.C. *Daily News* hopes that the Municipal Council will not delay much longer the completion of the Defence Creek. For four months the smaller creeks which communicate with it have been stopped up, and the nuisance thus caused to residents by those creeks is very serious, and will be more so as the weather gets warmer.

'A BURDEN DOLLAR for a British Colony' is the title of a letter appearing in the *Daily Graphic* of the 26th ult., over the signature of Mr. George Bain of the Permanent Service. He writes as follows:—Sir! In view of the discussion now going on regarding the proposal for the metallic reserve and the issue of £1 notes, it is, perhaps, timely to call attention to the fact that such a dollar in a British Colony, as the Straits Settlements, is very likely to become the property of England. He says that if the Russians possessed themselves of this territory, the commerce of Kasgar would be seriously hampered. China must do all in her power to unite the Powers with India at this time, by treaty, to prevent China's commerce by land. In diplomatic quarters it is generally held that if China cannot obtain the Powers for herself, she will use her influence in favour of England.

GENERAL LUCASZKI, who was a year ago commander of the Ninth German Army Corps, publishes, in the January number of the *Deutsche Rundschau*, an article on the military situation in Germany, which the *Memorial Diplomatique* summarizes in its last issue from advance sheets. The writer of course speaks with an authority which his national proclamations do not seriously lessen. He puts the German Army at the head of the military forces of Europe, owing to its uniformity of training, to the personal character of the officers, and the facilities for fitting them places after losses in war afforded by the existence of a highly educated middle class in no other country. The author of the article in the last consideration may be estimated from the fact that in the Franco-German war of 1870, which lasted only nine months, the Germans lost over 6,000 officers, while Count von Moltke in his history of the war pronounced immediately. It was doubtless irremediable as regards the immediate supply of officers as good as those who had fallen, but the high order of instruction which all classes of Germans receive, and the military spirit with which the whole population is now imbued, would make such a loss far less serious in Germany than in any other European country.

Some interesting statistics are published in a London journal relating to an exhaustive inquiry into the causes of the poverty of 52 families in a certain city district containing a population of 126,000. These families presented a wide variety in trade and religion and nationality, and their application for charitable assistance was taken as prima facie, and confessed evidence of poverty. Investigation showed that forty-two families were brought to want by their own faults, the causes their poverty being idleness, improvidence, crime, 'drink,' illness, bad temper, etc. Then come fifty-three families whose poverty was due to certain common accidents or misfortunes which might have been provided against; but were not. The final group of fifty-seven families presents cases of excusable poverty, such as due to extraordinary slackness of trade or the absolute destruction of some branch of business, though even in this group appear twenty-one families who are made hopelessly poor by 'incompetence.' The whole result goes to show the untrustworthiness of the figures often cited of the number of persons in London and other cities who are unemployed, and it is difficult to decide what to work it out to. The author of the article in the *New York Independent*, in which he showed the astonishingly high percentage of the unworthy who apply to charitable organizations in this city for aid.—*New York N.Y.*

MAX O'ROLL has been lecturing at Brooklyn on Her Highness the American Woman, and has little to say about the Chinese woman, except to say 'What strikes the foreigner most forcibly' is the absence of stupid faces. American women are typical. They are unlike any other women I know. Their beauty, physically speaking, is great, but we foreigners are more struck by the frankness of their eyes, the naturalness of their emotions, and their general genuineness. So far as I can discover, your American woman, and she is almost everywhere, they take the others. And why not? I have never discovered in any American woman the slightest trace of gratitude to man. In fact, I have thought I detected a shade of contempt. Perhaps it is because you treat them with such profound respect. Referring to the finished product, the learned young women he adds; 'One of the best things to say about the Chinese woman is that she does not make a guy of herself. 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